

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-13. These sheets, which include Figures 1-13, replaces the original sheets Figures 1-13. Applicants have removed extraneous matter in the revised Figures 1-13 to more clearly depict the inventive elements of the present invention. Applicants have also provided redline copies to indicate that no new matter has been added to the revised figures.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-38 have been rejected.

Drawings

On page 2 of the present Office Action, the drawings have been objected to because the hand writing on the figures is difficult to read. Applicants have provided replacement drawings in accordance with Examiner's instructions to address the objection. Applicants have removed extraneous matter in the revised Figures 1-13 to more clearly depict the inventive elements of the present invention. Applicants have also provided redline copies to indicate that no new matter has been added to the revised figures. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Specification

On page 3 of the present Office Action, the disclosure is objected to because the Summary of Invention is missing in the Specification. Applicants have amended the Specification to include a "Summary of the Invention" to address the objection. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over Claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/731,418. Applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) or § 1.321(d) to address the provisional rejection.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2007/0208608 naming Amerasinghe et al. as inventors ("Amerasinghe"). After careful

consideration of the remarks in the present Office Action, Applicants assert that Claims 1-38, as now amended, are not rendered unpatentable in view of the arguments herein.

For example, referring to independent Claim 1, nothing in Amerasinghe discloses (or renders obvious) “providing forecast snapshots, each forecast snapshot having a forecast date, a forecast period, forecast interval and summary forecasts, wherein the forecast interval indicates a frequency at which forecasts are to be generated and saved as forecast snapshots”, as recited in Claim 1.

On page 6 of the present Office Action asserts that paragraph 0118 and Figure 22 of Amerasinghe discloses the recited element of Claim 1. Paragraph 0118 discloses:

The invention provides enhanced forecasting an management features not found in conventional systems. The system provides user with the option of using a default set of forecast series, or of creating their own forecast series using a set of administrative screens. While administrators are able to setup entirely new forecast series using administrative screens, managers and executives will be able to quickly drill down into a forecast or summarize it along new lines at the click of a mouse.

Figure 22 of Amerasinghe is posited by the present Office Action as disclosing forecast data, forecast date, forecast period, and summary forecasts. However, nothing Amerasinghe discloses (or renders obvious) a “forecast interval” that indicates how frequent forecasts are to be generated, as recited in Claim 1. Since Amerasinghe does not disclose (or render obvious) each and every element of Claim 1, independent Claim 1, similar independent Claims 16, 32, and 38, and all dependent claims are not rendered unpatentable under Amerasinghe. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5084.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. G. Campbell, III', is written over a horizontal line.

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